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Dear Jim,

I've just read and corrected a chapter of a long manuscript in which when you are here you may have an interest or may want to copy. This enclosed first page will identify it.

I mentioned Dr. Gerald McKnight, professor of history at local Hood College. He is making a study of the Commission's lawyers and will be interested in your experience with Liebeler.

He says that if he had not have to take a class to Gettysburg the Saturday you are here to invite you for supper. That will be when I'm abed and he is only 5 minutes from here. A fine person, too, and his wife is a very good cook.

Best,

Harold

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From time to time, particularly when he is writing about test results, shooting, how bullets behave and what they can, he thinks, do, I wonder how much Posner understood of what he was told by others. For example, as he continued to argue a really stupid case about that missed shot, ignorant of the facts, as what he says discloses -- and this reflects that he never had any scholarly interest or even approach -- he says of the Commission and the FBI, that "the FBI did not even get a sample of the curbstone until...July 1964."

It was not in July. It was on August 5. But what use did anyone have for "a sample of the curbstone?" (Page 325).

While with Posner there is always the alternative of his thorough and dedicated dishonesty and a flair for saying anything at all that seems to buttress his formula's case that has no real substance at all, he continues to pretend that lead and antimony recovery means a bullet core and nothing else when it does not mean a bullet core at all. "Only a bullet fragment hit the concrete near Tague, since when the FBI later performed a spectrographic analysis on the curb, it showed" and he does not even get the quote correct, "traces of lead with a trace of antimony." For this he cites the FBI lab report I printed in facsimile in *Post Mortem* and Shaneyfelt's Commission testimony. The first "traces" in this quote is Posner's unscientific addition.